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- Request for Correction in *Official Filing Receipt*;
- Copy of the *Official Filing Receipt*, with required corrections indicated thereon;
- Copy of the *Declaration* as filed with the initial filing of the application; and
- Return postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2511 for any underpayment of the fees required in association with the instant request.

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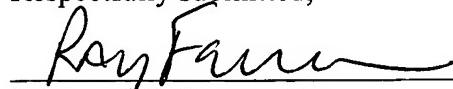
REQUEST FOR CORRECTION IN OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

Applicants hereby request correction of the *Official Filing Receipt* enclosed herewith. In particular, in the field for Applicants, the third and fifth listed Applicants are misspelled. The Applicants are listed on the *Receipt* as “Eduaroo Sanchez Revilla” and “David Paroo Aloy” instead of “Eduardo Sanchez Revilla” and “David Pardo Aloy.” Also, in the field for Applicants, the fourth, fifth and sixth city of residence listed are misspelled. The cities are listed on the *Receipt* as “Sant Cugal Del Valles,” “Bellalerra” and “Terrasaa” instead of “Sant Cugat Del Valles,” “Bellaterra” and “Terrassa.” Therefore, Applicants request the Office issue a *Corrected Official Filing Receipt* showing the correct spelling of the two Applicants and the correct spelling of the three city of residence as indicated on the attached, marked-up copy of the *Receipt*. Also attached is a copy of the *Declaration* as filed, which indicates the correct spelling of the applicant and city of residence.

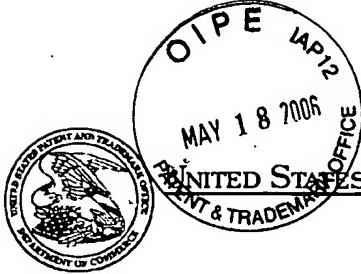
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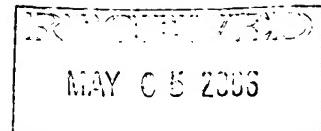
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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/551,634**

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Title

Parking brake lever unit

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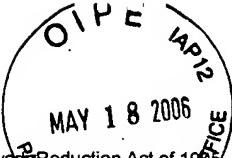
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Application Number	unassigned
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Art Unit	unassigned
Examiner Name	unassigned

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PARKING BRAKE LEVER UNIT

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	Certified Copy Attached? NO
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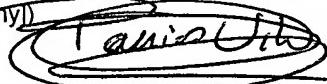
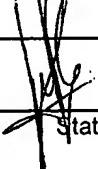
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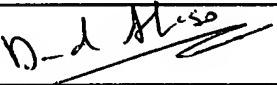
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